8.0 Interoffice Transport

The Interoffice Transport network element is defined as SWBT interoffice transmission facilities dedicated to a particular customer or carrier, or shared by more than one customer or carrier, that provide telecommunications between wire centers owned by SWBT or LSP or third parties acting on behalf of LSP, or between switches owned by SWBT or LSP or third parties acting on behalf of LSP. Interoffice Transport includes Common Transport and Dedicated Transport.

SWBT will be responsible for the engineering, provisioning, and maintenance of the underlying equipment and facilities that are used to provide Interoffice Transport.

8.1 Common Transport

8.1.1 Common Transport is a shared interoffice transmission path between SWBT switches. Common Transport will permit LSP to connect its Unbundled Local Switching element purchased from SWBT with Common Transport to transport the local call dialed by the Unbundled Local Switching element to its destination through the use of SWBT's common transport network. Common Transport will also permit LSP to utilize SWBT's common network between a SWBT tandem and a SWBT end office.

8.2 Dedicated Transport

8.2.1 Dedicated Transport is an interoffice transmission path dedicated to a particular customer or carrier that provides telecommunications between wire centers owned by SWBT or LSP, or between switches owned by SWBT or LSP.

8.2.1.1 SWBT will offer Dedicated Transport as a circuit (e.g., DS1, DS3) dedicated to LSP.

8.2.1.2 SWBT will provide Dedicated Transport at the following speeds: DS1 (1.544 Mbps), DS3 (45 Mbps), OC3 (155.520 Mbps) and OC12 (622.080 Mbps). In addition, SWBT offers OC48 (2488.320 Mbps) bandwidth as an option for interoffice capacity.

8.2.3 In addition to any liability provisions in the STC, SWBT does not guarantee or make any warranty with respect to entrance facilities when used in an explosive atmosphere. LSP will indemnify, defend and hold SWBT harmless from any and all claims by any person relating to LSP's or LSP end user's use of unbundled loops in an explosive atmosphere.

8.2.4 Digital Cross-Connect System (DCS)

SWBT will offer Digital Cross-Connect System (DCS) in conjunction with the unbundled dedicated transport element with the same functionality that is offered to interexchange carriers.

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VIA OVER-NIGHT DELIVERY

October 29, 1996

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Re: Statement of Generally Available Terms (47 U.S.C. § 252(f))

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Enclosed is an original and nine (9) copies of U S WEST Communications, Inc.'s Statement of Generally Available Terms filed consistent with the provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 252(f). Accompanying the filing are executive summaries of the applicable cost studies. Please note that portions of the executive summary entitled "Avoided Resale Costs, 1996 Cost Support" is proprietary in nature, and is therefore filed in a sealed and labeled envelope. Also accompanying this filing is the cost study detail. Those documents are appropriately marked as proprietary. Access to the proprietary information will be provided to intervenors, if any, upon the signing of the appropriate nondisclosure agreement. Because of the nature of the filing, and if the Commission would prefer, U S WEST will file an application for confidential treatment of information as described in ARSD § 20:10:01:41.

Please stamp and return the extra copy in order to acknowledge receipt. A postage-paid, addressed envelope is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Yours truly,

William P. Heaston

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TERMS, CONDITIONS AND PRICES

Applying to the provision of

LOCAL WIRELINE NETWORK INTERCONNECTION AND SERVICE RESALE

within the operating territory of

U S WEST Communications, Inc., d/b/a

U S WEST Communications

in the State of

SOUTH DAKOTA

(Company Code 5145)

6. ACCESS TO UNBUNDLED ELEMENTS

6.2 DESCRIPTION, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. Tandem Switching

USWC will provide a tandem switching element on an unbundled basis. The tandem switch element includes the facilities connecting the trunk distribution frames to the switch, and all the functions of the switch itself, including those facilities that establish a temporary transmission path between two other switches. The definition of the tandem switching element also includes the functions that are centralized in tandems rather than in separate end office switches, such as call recording, the routing of calls to operator services and signaling conversion functions.

B. Transport

USWC will provide unbundled access to shared transmission facilities between end offices and the tandem switch. Further, USWC will provide unbundled access to dedicated transmission facilities between its central offices or between such offices and those of competing Parties. This includes, at a minimum, interoffice facilities between end offices and serving wire centers (SWCs), SWCs and IXC POPs, tandem switches and SWCs, end offices or tandems of USWC, and the wire centers of USWC and requesting Parties. USWC will also provide all technically feasible transmission capabilities, such as DS1 and DS3, and Optical Carrier levels (e.g., C-3/12/48/96) that the CLEC could use to provide telecommunications services.

C. Digital Cross Connect System

USWC will provide the CLEC with access to mutually agreed upon digital cross-connect system (DCS) points.

D. Unbundled Loops

1. An unbundled local loop establishes a transmission path between the USWC distribution frame (or equivalent) and USWC's network interface device (NID). For existing loops, the inside wire connection to the NID will remain intact.